

# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF AUBURN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**March 16, 2004 @ 8:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willick, Richardson; Fossum; Hale  
OTHERS PRESENT: (See attached list)

1. **Public Comment – None**
2. **Minutes: Approved with correction to “members present”, as both Richardson and Fossum were absent from February’s meeting. Correction made to file original.**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **3. College Way Traffic Problems**

- a. **Review Radar Trailer Speed Survey** - Chief Willick went over the results from the recent radar trailer speed survey on Pleasant Avenue (copy attached to file minutes). The data was fairly consistent, with nothing really unexpected, i.e., highest speeds & traffic counts at the peak traffic hours.
- b. **Consider Installing Stop Sign @ Intersection of Pleasant & Knoll** - Knoll connects College & Pleasant, and the intent would be to make this a 3-way stop, with the hope of slowing traffic. Resident James DePoy feels that D & D patrons are largely responsible for speeding on Pleasant. The Montessori School may have concerns re speeding vehicles as well. City Manager Richardson would like a site visit to assure there are warrants for an additional stop prior to agreeing to installation. Willick and Richardson will make a site visit.
- c. **Receive PEO Carini’s Report on College Way Traffic/Parking Concerns**: Carini reported that traffic seems to have slowed somewhat with her presence in the area. She’s encouraging parents to pull to curb and not stop in middle of street; most are complying nicely. She hopes to eventually be able to taper off and not spend quite so much time in the area, but in the meantime, she’ll be out there. Carini noted that it seems the culprits appear to be the same offenders. PHS monitors are helping to monitor other entry/exit areas of the campus.

DePoy interjected thanks to the school for their efforts, and he renewed his request for faculty monitoring of the situation. He realizes they have a limited time commitment, but their presence does help. Signage has also helped a bit, and an subtle overall improvement has been noted since issue came to light in the fall.
- d. **Discuss Extending Loading/Unloading Zone in Front of HS Building on College** - Currently, PHS has 15 spaces in front of the auto shop building - 10 designated for staff; 5 for auto shop/ROP parking. Pantaleoni is in favor of the idea of diagonal parking w/1-way of College Way, but he can’t see any other zones that could be extended as there just isn’t enough room. The new high school is to open in the fall in Foresthill, which will alleviate *some* congestion perhaps, but will not have a huge impact. Chief Willick explained to Pantaleoni (who was not present at last month’s meeting) that the concept of making College Way a 1-way street had been emphatically rejected by residents. The answer may be to make multiple parking zone usage adjacent to shop, using signs for varying times during the day. Fossum will look at the feasibility of doing so.

## SUGGESTIONS:

- ⇒ Have the SRO, HS personnel and occasionally the PEO in the area in the A.M.
- ⇒ PEO and HS staff in the area at school's end
- ⇒ Motorcycle enforcement
- ⇒ Do a field check to look at extending loading zone & parking area; the addition of a stop sign @ Knoll & Pleasant; site visit scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:15 - meet @ shop area, and include ROP in the meeting

Pantaleoni agreed to start SRO & staff monitoring periodically in hope of alleviating problems.

DePoy stated that he hopes to have corrective measures in place by the beginning of next school year. Pantaleoni noted that pending the continuation of the school's construction project, efforts will be somewhat hampered for the next 1 ½ to 2 years.

### **4. *Request for Turn Lane Indian Hill Road & Sawka Drive***

Chief Willick received a letter and a follow-up phone call concerning this request at Indian Hills Estates. The turn lane is already "in the works" per Fossum, and should be completed within the next month (weather permitting).

### **5. *Permit Parking Lot Limitations/Changes – PEO Carini***

Willick refreshed the committee's memory re both the Cherry Street & Magnolia lots, where changes were proposed last March 24<sup>th</sup>. At the last minute merchants requested we hold off on changes because they wanted to form a committee in the fall & look at ALL parking concerns in the downtown area. The committee (of which our PEO is a participant) was not actually formed until January, and is presently in the process of looking at downtown's parking issues. Hopefully, once the committee has completed their study we can make all the changes once & for all, and we can then take the recommended changes to City Council as a complete package.

Carini reported that she has met with the DBA as well as with the Parking Committee. Thus far it is suggested that the JC Penney lot be changed to 8-hr parking, rather than making changes to Elder's or the East Placer lot. Changing the Magnolia & Cherry Street lots to 8-hours limits is also favorable, with a uniformed 25% reserved spaces in all lots. Carini should have occupancy data available for the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Carini further noted that some merchants feel that the 3-hour parking limitation on High street is a hindrance.

NOTE: City Manager Richardson thanked Carini for her efforts in bridging the communications gap between merchants in making them realize the benefit of freeing up spaces in front of their businesses for patrons and in working together as a unit on this issue.

### **6. *Parking Problems Agnes & Walsh***

Fossum reported that when the building was first constructed (1960/70) there were approx 4-5 spaces on the plan submitted to the City's planning department. A site inspection revealed that those spaces are still there, with signs over individual spaces designating one as loading and one for employees, leaving the rest open, making the business owner is in compliance.

### **7. *Parking in the Area of Railhead Park***

Richardson has been in contact with Alan Grenier, ARD, who thinks additional parking can be created without intruding on established areas. Committee will continue this item.

***NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 20, 2004 @ 8:30 A.M.***